Table S-2. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering master's degree recipients, by primary status, median salary, and major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-96 S&E master's degree	Total recipients	Primary education and employment status				Median salary for full-time employed[1]
		Full-time student	Not full-time student			
			Employed in science and engineering	Employed in other occupation	Not employed and not full-time student	
All science and engineering fields	149,500	30,900	72,600	41,000	5,000	$42,000
Major type						
Total science	102,500	24,000	37,600	36,800	4,100	37,400
Total engineering	47,000	6,800	35,000	4,200	900	48,500
Major field						
Computer and information sciences	18,200	S	13,400	3,300	S	50,000
Life and related sciences, total	15,300	4,900	5,800	4,200	S	32,000
Agricultural and food sciences	2,500	S	1,300	S	S	31,000
Biological sciences	10,500	4,000	3,200	2,800	S	32,000
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences	2,400	S	1,200	S	S	36,000
Mathematical and related sciences	7,900	2,200	3,000	2,500	S	40,000
Physical and related sciences, total	9,700	3,500	4,100	1,700	S	35,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	3,900	1,700	1,500	S	S	31,500
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography	2,400	S	1,300	S	S	32,000
Physics and astronomy	3,000	1,300	1,200	S	S	41,000
Other physical sciences	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology	26,400	5,900	7,700	11,400	S	30,000
Social and related sciences, total	25,100	6,500	3,700	13,700	1,200	35,000
Economics	4,100	1,600	S	1,500	S	40,000
Political science and related sciences	8,100	2,300	S	4,500	S	35,000
Sociology and anthropology	4,200	1,500	S	1,700	S	28,000
Other social sciences	8,700	S	1,300	5,900	S	36,000
Engineering, total	47,000	6,800	35,000	4,200	900	48,500
Aerospace and related engineering	1,500	400	800	S	S	48,000
Chemical engineering	2,000	700	1,200	S	S	49,000
Civil and architectural engineering	6,500	S	5,000	S	S	40,000
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering	16,100	2,400	12,500	1,100	S	54,000
Industrial engineering	3,200	S	2,200	S	S	49,000
Mechanical engineering	7,200	1,200	5,200	S	S	47,000
Other engineering	10,400	1,000	8,200	S	S	47,500

[1] Salary data for the following groups are not included in the table: self-employed persons, full-time students, and people whose principal job was less than 35 hours per week. Salary data are for principal job only.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.
These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997